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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Agency Review of Allegations Contained in the Letter from Representative Les Aspin (D., Wis.) of 27 June 1972.

1. I met with Representative Lucien N. Nedzi (D., Wis.), Chairman, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, and received back from him the "Summary Report of Investigation of Charges by Mr. Alfred W. McCoy of CIA Involvement in Illicit Drug Traffic in Southeast Asia" dated 17 November 1972 and the September 1972 report of the Inspector General, "Investigation of the Drug Situation in Southeast Asia." These reports were loaned to Chairman Nedzi during his visit to Headquarters yesterday.

2. Chairman Nedzi stated that he had read the reports very carefully and that except for a few sentences which could be rather bothersome if quoted out of context, it is his present feeling that it might be well for Jack Maury or myself to sit down with Representative Aspin and let him go over the reports. He feels the reports speak for themselves and that such informal handling could minimize any reaction on Representative Aspin's part.

3. I thanked Chairman Nedzi and told him I would relay his observation. Chairman Nedzi had no questions about the report.

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4. I met later with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and brought him up-to-date on Chairman Nedzi's review of the report and his observation as to a method for closing out the matter with Representative Aspin. Mr. Slatinshek expressed his appreciation for being kept up-to-date and told me that it would be most helpful when he has more time to review the reports himself since any further problems within the Armed Services Committee on this question reasonably will be forwarded to him rather than to Chairman Nedzi. He will not utilize any of the information in the reports but would find it most useful in understanding future guidance that he will be receiving from Mr. Nedzi. I told Mr. Slatinshek the reports would be available for his review.



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